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A POEM on the NEW BIRTH.

Thus ſaith the Lord, ye muſt be *born* again
Except a man be born again, he cannot ſee
the Kingdom of God. *Joh.* iii. 3. 7.
Except ye be converted, and become as
little Children, ye ſhall not enter into the
kingdom of heaven, *Mat.* xviii. 3.
He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my
words hath one that Judgeth him; the
word that I have ſpoken, the ſame ſhall
Judge him in the laſt day. *Joh.* xii. 48.

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my people are deſtroy'd for lack of knowledge *Hoſ.* iv. 6. The lips (or pen, or hand) of the wiſe diſperſe knowledge, *Prov.* xv. 7.

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A POEM

On the NEW BIRTH

i.

" AS I from *Adam* did proceed,
" I am a Child of wrath,
" Polluted both in thought and deed,
" And in a ſtate of death,
" No part without, Nor yet within,
" Is free without a ſtain,
" Defiled wholly dead in ſin,
" *Till I be Born again*,

ii.

" A Bond-ſlave unto *Satan* I
" Remain, thro, ſnares and Luſts,
" A Rebel worthy am to Die,
" If God ſhould deal as Juſt;
" The ſadneſs of my ſtate to tell,
" No words can make it plain,
" A wretch like to be loſt in Hell,
" *Except I'm Born again*,

iii.

" In this ſad ſtate what Hope can I,
" Expect in any wiſe
" Who wretched thus Condemned lye,
" Before my Makers Eyes,
" How can I then but live in Fear,
" Expecting to be ſlain,
" When *Chriſt* to Judgment ſhall appear,
" *If I'm not Born again*;

iv.

" What tho' Conviction on me fall,
" Of Ev'ry deed and Thought,

And force me to acknowledge all,
" As ſin that I have wrought;
The Law at laſt would ſiez on me,
" My Guilt would ſtill Remain;
From wrath I never ſhall be free,
" *Till I be Born again.*

v.

" What if my knowledge ſhould avail,
" Great Miſt'ries to Unfold·
" Or if my Faith ſhould ſo prevail,
" That through the ſame I could,
" Great Mountains out of place remove,
" And Miſchiefs great reſtrain,
" I might be Loſt wanting that Love,
" *That's wrought when Born again.*

vi.

" Should I of Truth profeſſion Make,
" To all Example be;
" Yea ſuffer Death Ev'n at the ſtake,
" The Flames conſuming me:
" And by Each Righteous Act ſhould I,
" My ſelf a Juſt Man feign,
" I might be loſt Eternally 1 *Cor.* xiii. 1. 2. 3
" N*ot being Born again· Joh.* iii. 3. 7.

vii.

" Should I to ſuch Attainments reach,
" That ſaints ſhould me admire,
" With zeal the Truth to others Teach,
" With ſeeming true Deſire,
" Thus ſhould I ſpend my Time and Breath,
" Yet a*ll* would be but vain,
" To me If I ſhould find at Death,
" *I were not Born again.*

viii.

" Should I Endeavour Day by Day,
" The way of Life to Clear,

" To others and be caſt away,
" When *Jeſus* doth appear:
" What Loſs would be my Recompence,
" And Miſery my Gain,
" If *Chriſt* ſhould ſay Depart thou hence,
" *Thou art not Born again.*

ix.

" What if the ſaints thro' *Chriſt* by Grace,
" Are Joyn'd to God in One,
" To ſee his Reconciled Face,
" As their Delight alone;
" Are now become that one new Man,
" That is Made up of Twain,
" I nothing ſtill the better am,
" *As yet unborn again.*

x.

" If I Believe that *Chriſt* hath Dy'd,
" Sinners from Wrath to free;
" And by his Blood that Juſtify'd,
" All true Believers bee;
" Yet what is this to me if I,
" Did never yet obtain.
" A Pow'r of Faith this to apply,
" *Through being Born again.*

xi.

" The time that's left here I ſhould take,
" With ſpeed to know my ſtate,
" Seeking for Peace with God through *Chriſt*
" Before it be too late;
" The time that's paſt ſufficient is,
" That I in Filth have lain,
" I pray therefore I may not miſs,
" *Of being Born again.*

xii.

" Would God but ſiez upon my Heart,
" His Law upon it write,

Beſtow on me that better part,
" So pleaſing in his ſight:
Had I true Faith tho' yet as ſmall,
" As Muſtard-ſeed a grain,
Yet might I then Rejoyce with all,
" *That now are Born again.*

xiii.

Then might I wait with joyfull Thoughts
" For *Chriſt*'s approaching Day,
When perfect peace to all is brought,
" Who love and keep his way;
All will it find but ſome too late,
" When *Chriſt* ſhall come to Reign,
Ther's Nothing like to ſuch a ſtate,
" *As being Born again.*

xiv.

What woful Vengeance will on thoſe,
" At Chriſt's appearing fall,
Who ſin and Death have rather choſe,
" Than to obey his call,
Eternal wrath will be the Lot,
" Of all with Curſed Cain,
Who in their Life time cared not,
" *For being Born again.*

Hence Obſerve That all Perſons who Ne-
ect the Counſel of God Concerning the
ſolute Neceſſity of being *Born again*, who
nk to go to Heaven without it, or reſt in
nthing Elſe in the room of it, will Certain-
meet with an Everlaſting Diſapointment
he Diſtreſſing hour (ſee *Mat.* xxv. 11. 12
p. vii. 22. 23. Cap. xxii. 11. 12 13. *Jer.*
. 20. *Prov.* i. 24. to the End) and muſt
peet the rejected word and Counſel of
d to Judge, and Condemn them, in the
day, according to Chriſt's expreſs words
b, xii. 48. 2 *Theſ.* i. 7. 8. 9. *Queric.*

Querie. What is it to be *Born again*,

It is the work of God in the ſoul of man which is Gods workmanſhip, Created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good works.. *Eph.* ii. 10. whereby the ſinner ſpiritually dead in treſpaſſes, and ſins, is Quickened and made ſpiritually alive unto God. *Eph.* ii, 1. His Underſtanding is ſpiritually enlightned· *Eph.* i. 17. 18. 19.20. Cap. v. 8. His will and affections Divinly Influenced and Drawn by the Father to the ſon. *Joh.* vi 44. *Jer.* xxxi. 3 Enabled to Believe in *Chriſt* for the remiſion of his ſins, and Eternal Life by a Faith of the operation of God. Col. ii. 12. which worketh by love, *Gal.* v. 6, which purifyeth the heart. *Act.* xv. 9. and has Chriſt for it's Auther Finniſher and object. *Heb.* xii. 2. *Joh.* iii. 36. thus the ſoul is enabled to ſee Chriſt, to Believe in him, to receive him, and to abide in him for ever, *Joh.* vi 29. 40. Cap. i. 12. and xvii. 3. He is ſo Joyned to the Lord as to be one ſpirit. 1 Cor. vi 17. Has one will with Chriſt, *Mat.* vi. 10.

Hence ariſes a deep Conviction of ſin, a Godly ſorrow for it, and thorow hatred to it, together with the Exerciſe of every Grace as Faith, Love, Holineſs in heart, and life Humility, ſelf-denyall, Goodworks and all Evengellical obedience. *Ezek.* xx. 43 *Job* xlii. 5. 6. *Heb.* xii. *Jam.* ii. 18.

Querie, How muſt a Guilty Condemn'd ſinner wretched, and Miſerable, and Poor, and Blind, and Naked, (Gal. iii. 10. *Rom.* iii. 19. 23. *Rev.* iii. 17.) Come to Experience the New *Birth*.

1. Confeſs and Forſake your ſins, Prov. xviii. 13, *Iſai.* lv. 7.

2. Do as Blind Bartimeas did (*Mar.* x. 50. ult,) Crie Mightily to God untill he have mercy on you, *Pſal.* lvii. 2.

3 Carefully attend the moſt ſpiritual and Powerful Miniſtry for Faith Comes by Hearing, *Rom.* x. 17.

4. Search the Scriptures dilligently and Crie Earneſtly to God for his Holy Spirit, *Joh.* v. 39. *Luk.* xi. 13

5. Under all Difficulties and Diſcouragments Carefully wait on the Lord in the uſe of appointed means as the Impotent man did at the pool of Bethesda, *Joh.* v, 2. to v. 10 *Hos.* vi. 3

6. Confer as often as you can with ſome who are *Born again*, *Mal.* iii. 16.

7' Conſider the Love of *Chriſt* to his Enmies and willingneſs to receive all Repenting, Returning, Coming ſinners as, *Rom.* v. 8. *Mat.* xi. 28. 29. 30. *Joh.* vii. 37.

APPENDIX.

If any Man have not the ſpirit of *Chriſt* he is none of his, *Rom.* viii. 9. and Conſequently Cannot be born again, where the Spirit of *Chriſt* is in the heart, the fruit of the ſpirit will appear in the Life. *Gal.* v. 16. 22. 23.

And ſince we are Commanded to try the Spirits whether they be of God, 1 *Joh.* iv, 1. and alſo a Matter of ſo great Importance to know at all times what ſpirit our ſelvs and others are Influenc'd by the following *Rule* is humbly recommended to Conſideration, and Practice. A.

A Rule to Try the Spirits whether they ar
of God.

Humility Holineſs, and Love is of God, the Nature and Image of *Chriſt*; *Mat.* xi. 29. 1 *Pet.* i. 15. 16. 1 *Joh.* iv. 16. Speech Seaſoned with theſe graces diſcovers the Nature, and Image of *Chriſt*, who is Guide and Tutor here *Col.* iv 6. 2 *Pet.* i. 4. *Rom.* viii. 29.

Pride, Selfiſhneſs, Anger, Vanity, and all ſin is of Satan, the Nature and Image of the *Devil*; Speech tinctur'd herewith diſcovereth the Nature and Image of that Soul Murderer who is Guide and Tutor here, *Joh.* xli. 34. 1 *Joh.* iii. 8. *Eph.* ii. 2. 3.

There is but two Minds, Spiritual, and Carnal; the ſpiritual Mind puts Spiritual Conſtructions on things, agreeable to thoſe Characters of love in, 1 *Cor.* xiii. The Carnal mind puts Carnal Conſtructions on things, as Influenc'd by Satan, *Joh.* viii. 15. 43. 44.

By this Rule a ſpiritully diſcerning Eye, in all places and perſons may diſcover what ſpirit Governs, who is Guide, and Tutor in himſelf and others.

Reſiſt, Pride, Selfiſhneſs, Anger, Vanity, and all ſin, and you reſiſt the *devil*, who ſecretly Moves us hereunto as he moved *David* to Number the people, *Chron.* xxi. 1. Reſiſt the devil and he will flee from you; Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you, *Jam.* iv. 7. 8.

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